

BRITISH PROBE HUN OUTRAGES

Will Bring Germans Responsible for Outrages to Justice.

London, Nov. 8.—The British attorney general in a written parliamentary answer to a question by Col. Sir Hamar Greenwood states that he has been authorized by the war cabinet to appoint a committee to inquire into and report upon the following: "Facts as to breaches of laws and customs of war affecting members of British armed forces, or other British subjects, and as to the forces of the German empire, and the allies, on land, on sea and in the air, during the present war."

"Fixing the degree of responsibility for these offenses and attaching it to particular units, and to the German or other enemy forces, including the German or other enemy general staff or other highly placed individuals, and the constitution and procedure of a tribunal appropriate to the trial of these offenses."

"Any other matters cognate or auxiliary to the above which may arise in the course of the inquiry and which the committee find it to be relevant to take into consideration."

Prominent Committees.

With the approval of the war cabinet the committee has been constituted as follows:

Chairman, Prof. J. L. Macdonald; vice chairman, Sir John Macdonald; members, Sir Frederick Pollard, Sir Ernest Pollard, C. P.; Sir Alfred Hopkinson, C. C.; Sir John Butcher Kemp, C. F.; Gill, K. C.; H. O. Manley, K. C.; C. A. Russell, K. C.; and Dr. A. Pearce Higgins, together with representatives of the war office, foreign office and military and prisoners of war committee.

The committee will act in consultation with law officers and will establish liaison with similar committees set up in other allied countries. The first meeting of the committee was held November 6 and was addressed by the attorney general, who said Germany had challenged international law. He said she had definitely failed and the question had now arisen as to what steps ought to be taken, not in any spirit of vindictiveness but to re-establish the authority of international law. During his address he said:

Would Spare Posterity.

"We are determined that our children and grandchildren and those who even come after them shall be spared what this generation has gone through. Many great crimes against international law have been committed. The very origin of the war and the violation of Belgium for all time be remembered as one of the greatest crimes against civilization."

"It would not be possible to consider how a given individual should be made responsible for the highest of all crimes against civilization, but to those crimes which necessarily raise questions of highest and most delicate policy you would at most only deem it necessary to make certain investigation of exact facts, great questions of policy which might be raised and that could obviously be dealt with by committees in which all the allies would be represented."

Action Taken in France.

"There is in existence in France a committee which has devoted itself to many of the problems which were suggested by the very general language of the first paragraph of the defense. They have devoted themselves to many questions affecting the treatment by Germany of French prisoners of war and more particularly to the treatment of French inhabitants in what were usually known as occupied regions. It will be necessary at some stage of the inquiries that liaison be established between the French committee and this committee, and proper steps should be taken to see that such liaison is conducted in a most convenient manner."

Postoffice Issues Instructions for Overseas Parcels

Here are the latest instructions from the Postoffice Department on how you should mail your Christmas parcels to reach the soldiers and sailors in the overseas forces:

Each package must be fully and completely addressed, bear the same address of the sender and in addition the words, "Christmas Package," or "Holiday Package."

Weight limit on parcels is eleven pounds, and the postage must be fully prepaid at the international postal rate of 12 cents for each pound or fraction of pound.

Up to and including November 20, parcels may be forwarded without the formality of an export license, providing the sender makes a statement that the articles to be transmitted are not in the nature of a commercial transaction, but are articles sent as gifts because of the holiday season.

The statement must also show that the person to whom the parcel is addressed is a member of the allied armies, or is serving with the Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, or similar organizations.

PROTEST OVER FARE INCREASE

Company Giving Wretched Service, Assert Suburbanites at Meeting.

Protest against the proposed increase of street car fares on all interurban lines coming into Washington by the Washington and Electric Company has been made by the College Park Home and School Association.

The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the College Park Association held Wednesday night:

"Whereas, This company is giving wretched service so that breakdowns are of almost daily occurrence, causing long delays and inconvenience to patrons. The schedule is not maintained. The number of cars operated has been materially reduced. The traffic has been markedly increased and during rush hours the cars are crowded with standing passengers."

"No new equipment to meet the increased traffic has been added. The proposed increased rates would increase the mileage rate of three cents per mile allowed to the steam roads by the United States government."

Hearing on November 20.

A hearing of this case, which affects the service between Washington and outlying suburban points, will be held before the Interstate Commerce Commission at 10 o'clock, November 20.

The companies which will be affected by this hearing are the Washington Railway and Electric Company, the Washington City and Suburban Railway of Washington and the Washington and Rockville Railway Company, of Montgomery County.

Chinaman Gets D. S. C.

Paris-China is helping the allies all right. One of her sons, a soldier in the American army, has received the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism, high courage and personal devotion to duty."

He is Private Sing Kee, of San Juan, Cal. Though seriously gassed during fighting near Fismes, he kept the regimental lines of communication open by operating single-handed the message relay station.

RAIL CONTROL MAY REMAIN

Issue Likely to Be Decided at Next Presidential Election.

An early orientation of the issue of government ownership and control of railroads is expected in official circles here as the result both of the elections and the apparent approach of peace.

The United States Railroad Administration yesterday issued an analysis of freight operations on the railroads in August going to show that as a result of increased efficiency "under unified control" the railroads handled 2,000,000 ton-miles of freight more than was handled in August, 1917, or an increase of 5.7 per cent.

Continued satisfactory operation of the railroads under government control is likely to be emphasized. It is pointed out that the act giving the government control over the roads provides that they shall be turned over to their owners twenty-one months after the proclamation of peace. If peace comes in the near future, therefore, the return of the roads to their owners will come almost coincident with the election of the next President of the United States.

Permanent Control Probable.

The fact also that the act imposes upon the government the double duty of bending its attention to the problem of unscrambling the roads upon the proclamation of peace and of operating them efficiently must bring up soon and sharply the question of whether the administration shall plan to make by new legislation the present temporary control permanent.

But here the result of the elections comes in. It is pointed out. With a Republican Congress it can hardly be hoped to obtain any such legislation, but with a Presidential campaign coming on and still another Congress to elect at the same time, the railroad issue might well be expected to form a leading issue of the campaign.

A Political Issue.

How much the coming Republican Congress shall be able to interfere with the Railroad Administration is doubtful. The railroad act, it is pointed out, vests control of the roads in the President of the United States. The Railroad Administration, therefore, is not an executive department which the Congress may directly investigate or make answerable to it, it is argued. The President himself is in control of the roads and any attempt to interfere with their operation through the United States Railroad Administration may be expected to have the successful opposition of the President.

All of these elements go to bring the railroad issue before the public at an early date, it is shown, and to keep it there probably until the Presidential election two years hence shall show the disposition of the country toward its solution.

The statement issued by the Railroad Administration today also shows that the increased tonnage movement in August was accomplished with an increased mileage run by freight trains of only two-tenths of 1 per cent. The number of tons of freight per train was increased from 684 to 729 tons, 6.6 per cent. It was also reported, and the number of tons carried by each loaded car was increased from 27.8 to 30.1, or 8.3 per cent.

A decrease of 1.7 per cent in loaded car miles is shown by the August report, attributable principally to preponderance of eastbound traffic.

King Olaf Wilhelm—What was that I heard?

Elmar Tamberskovler Hindenburg—Victory breaking from thy hand, O Kaiser—London Bystander.

TRUCKS BREAK SEWER PIPE IN ANACOSTIA

Damage Threatens Serious Trouble for a Time.

A threatened break in the sewerage system of Washington yesterday menaced the southeastern section of the city. A break occurred in the pipe line near Poplar Point, and for several hours the situation looked bad. Permission had been granted the Navy Department several days ago to drive lightly weighted trucks over the pipe line at the Howard road in Anacostia, that daily carries away 80,000,000 gallons of the waste of the city. Advantage was taken of this permission by truck drivers who drove heavily weighted trucks across the pipe line. This caused the discharge pipe to cave in at several places. Investigations are being made with the view of strengthening the supports of the pipe line.

Army and Navy Union Musters in Yeowomen

Two yeowomen of the navy were mustered into the Army and Navy Union last night at a meeting of the President's Own Garrison at G. A. R. Hall. Five more yeowomen were accepted and will be mustered in at the next meeting of the union.

A service flag bearing thirty-five blue stars and two silver ones was dedicated with impressive ceremonies. At the next meeting of the garrison, on the evening of November 21, Mrs. Howard Gould, national sponsor of the Army and Navy Union, will deliver the address.

WAR WORKERS TO CONTINUE

Signing of Armistice Will Not Disrupt Government Clerks.

Hoping to avert a stampede of war workers, the Civil Service yesterday issued a statement saying that rumors of wholesale reduction of personnel in government departments had slight basis of truth.

"It was stated," said the official announcement, "by an official of the Civil Service Commission that many war workers in Washington are becoming needlessly alarmed as the reports of wholesale reductions at an early date in the civilian personnel in Washington, owing to the prospect of early peace."

"It was stated that such an impression should be discouraged, because it has slight basis and is likely to result in the demoralization of the personnel of the government establishments."

To Continue After Peace.

"It was stated that even if the war should end immediately it would be entirely impracticable to make extensive reductions at once. Such reductions as will be necessary will be gradual and will largely be met by voluntary separations. It was further stated that some of the new

establishments must continue for a long period after peace is declared.

"An important point mentioned by the official of the Civil Service Commission was the entire feasibility of making arrangements whereby departments and offices which contemplate reductions in forces shall make report to the Civil Service Commission in advance of such reduction, in order that the Civil Service Commission may arrange in advance for filling vacancies in other offices by the certification of employees who are about to be dropped from positions in which they are no longer needed."

ORDNANCE EMPLOYEES TO GIVE TURKEY DINNER

The Ordnance Department in one big family, 2,000 strong, will celebrate Thanksgiving with a turkey dinner. The dinner will be given in the War Ordnance group of buildings at Sixth and Seventh and B streets northwest, according to S. R. Kirkpatrick, in charge of arrangements.

Here great tables laden with plates of real turkey will be spread with all the trimmings. The eaters are to be provided by the Globe Restaurant Company who have already contracted for a carload of turkeys from a Maryland farmer. The dinner is open only to workers, officers and civilians in the War Ordnance group department. The price of the whole feast including a dance afterward is one dollar.

Mother—I hear that Harry Smith is the worst boy in school, so I want you to keep as far away from him as possible.

Tommy—I do, ma. He is always at the head of our class. — Lancaster Daily Intelligencer.

WHO'LL ADOPT UHRO-RUSINIA?

Little State in Southern Carpathians, Freed, Wants Partner.

Uhro-Rusina isn't the name of a new breakfast food or a patent medicine.

It's one of the new nations formed in Europe which is about to profit by President Wilson's note to Austria and shake off the chains which have bound it to Hungary for years.

"Uhro" means "of Hungary," and "Rusina" means "Ruthenia," so the Uhro-Rusians are simply Ruthenians who inhabit Hungary.

They live in the Hungarian provinces along the southern slopes of the Carpathian mountains. Racially they are closely akin to the Ruthenians of Galicia and the Little Russians of the Ukraine.

Problem of Uhro-Rusins.

This problem, as explained by Gregory Zastkovich, representative in the United States of the Uhro-Rusian people, is as follows:

When Austria is dismembered and its racial components given the right of self-determination, to what national body will Uhro-Rusins adhere? "It is too small to form a government of its own, having only about 1,000,000 population, and it is closely

related racially to the other Slavic races of Hungary and Austria.

"We could unite with Czechoslovakia with perfect harmony, and this union would spread the boundaries of that republic from the Eilisen border to the Carpathians."

"We could also unite with just as perfect harmony with the Ukrainians, for our people come of the same Little Russian stock as the Ukrainians, and our language and customs are much the same."

To Present Ambitions.

"The Uhro-Rusian national council has just appointed a committee of three, of which I am chairman and the other members are Rev. Valentin Goro, editor of Enlightenment, of McKeesport, Pa., and Michael J. Hanchin, editor of The American Rusin Weekly, of Homestead, Pa."

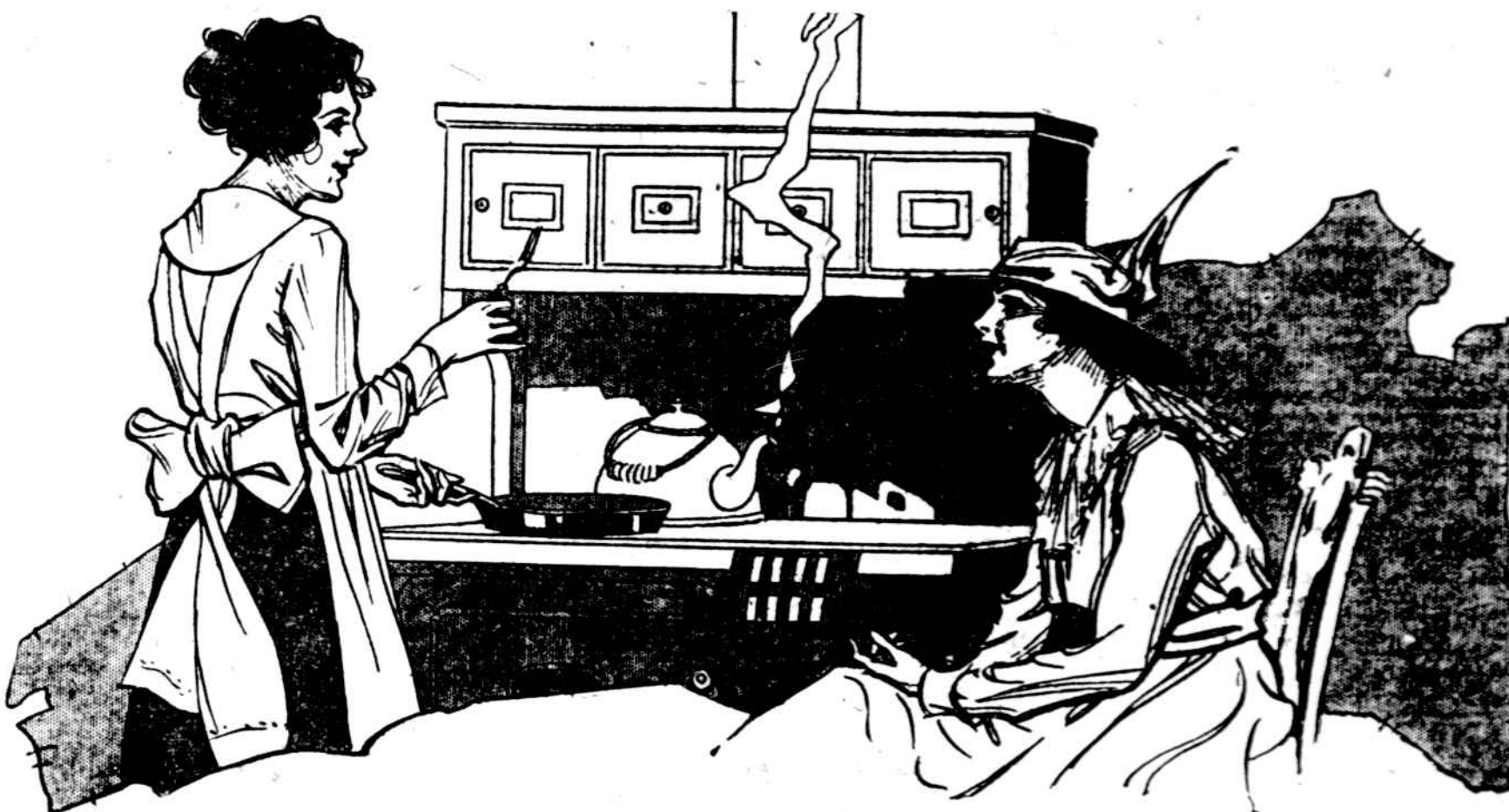
"This committee will draw up a report outlining the national aspirations of Uhro-Rusins for an autonomous government and, so far as possible, delineating the boundaries of our country. This report will go to the peace congress."

Then it is planned to offer the country to the highest bidder as between Ukraine and Czechoslovakia; whichever nation offers us the best advantages will win the votes of the people when the question of self-determination is settled.

"Both nations want us, and the attitude of our people in this country seems at present to be inclined toward a union with the Czechoslovakians."

High Mass for Duns Scotus.

Solemn high mass at the Franciscan Monastery in Brookland will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning to commemorate the Ven. Duns Scotus, an early theologian. It is expected that many prominent clergymen will be present.



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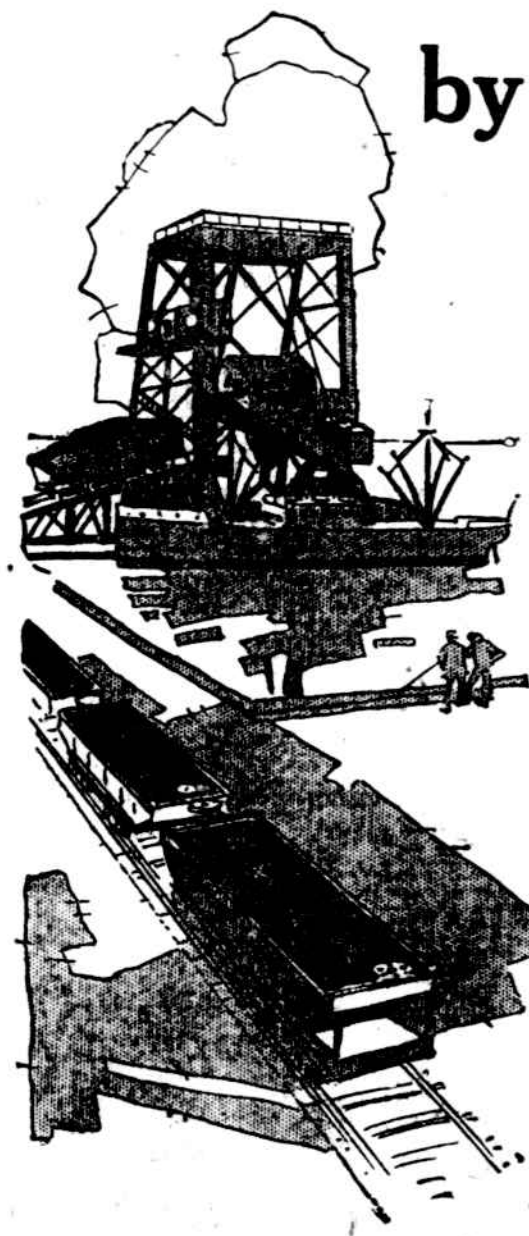
YES, Lil, when I learned we're going to be 80,000,000 tons of coal short this year I cut out my baking. I knew that in one oven at the Butter Krust Bread plant they could bake 5,000 loaves a day — 500 loaves at a time, while I was baking 2 loaves at a time.

"And, by buying Butter Krust Bread instead of baking at home, I could save several pounds of coal every week, and if every other woman in our country did the same it would mean a saving of several billion pounds in a year!"

"Well, that's fine, Jenny, but you're using gas."

"Yes, Lil, but fuel is fuel — only gas is worse to waste, because when you use artificial gas you not only use the coal that the gas came from — but also the labor necessary to change the coal into gas."

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THE TOWN CRIER.

The Missouri Society will hold its first regular meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the Elbitt House. This society is one of the oldest and most successful of the State societies and boasts a membership of 300. Its president is James T. Lloyd, 709 Woodward Building.

The nutting expedition of the Woman's Land Army will meet tomorrow at Thirty-sixth and M streets, Georgetown, to take the 8:47 car for Great Falls. Members are requested to bring lunch, cup, spoon and sugar and a bag for nuts.

Some time next week the Woman's Land Army will meet for a nut candy party. Insignia of honor for those who worked on the land will also be presented to those who have earned them.

The older building of the United States National Museum will be open to the public on Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 o'clock, beginning tomorrow. This building contains collections illustrative of American history, the war, mechanical and mineral technology, animal and vegetable products, textiles, photography and ceramics.

South and North Dakotans, especially war workers, are requested to come to the Young Women's Christian Association at Fourteenth and G streets northwest, this afternoon at 5:30 to prepare for the State campfires at the east side of the Ellipse on Monday, the United War Work Liberty Campfire night.

Those having college song books or musical instruments adapted to lead outdoor singing are requested to bring them.

Uniformed men will be guests at a dance at St. Andrew's Church, New Hampshire avenue and V streets northwest tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The British and Canadian Patriotic Fund of the District of Columbia will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the W. C. T. U. hall, 522 Sixth street, northwest. The fund helps dependent families of those residents of the District who have joined the British or Canadian armies.

The Society of the Covenant will hold its first fall meeting Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

French classes for members of the Girls' Club of the Society of the Covenant will be resumed Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Beginners' class will meet at 7 o'clock.

The Choral Club of the Society of the Covenant will resume its meetings on Tuesday at 7:45 o'clock. Those who wish may purchase a canteen supper for fifteen cents in order to remain at the church from the afternoon session until the evening choral meeting.

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